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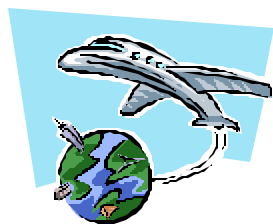
Library Improvements Continue Dr. Maurice Fortin, Director

Several contractors worked over the Christmas Break to replace the floor tile in the Basement and the carpeting on the First Floor. I hope you will notice the new appearance on both of these floors. Over Spring Break and/or the May Intersession period, painting crews will be repainting the Basement and First Floor. This is all part of the University's ongoing maintenance and repair program.

Library staff members are busy working with their colleagues across campus and with Gene Sellars of DMS, Inc., planning for the Library's new floor. Work is progressing on floor layouts, arrangements, an additional elevator, relocation of services and materials, etc. As plans become firmer, I will share with you details of new/temporary locations for service points and resources as construction begins, hopefully this fall or early spring of 2003.

New Librarian Joins the Staff ...

Adding San Angelo to her already long list of places she has lived in or visited, Antonella Ward joined the Porter Henderson Library team as the new Electronic Resources/Reference Librarian in November 2001.



The daughter of a U.S. Navy service member, she was born in Italy and raised in the U.S., Central

America, and Europe. After earning a Bachelor and Master of Arts in English and French Literature from the University of Catania, Italy, Antonella earned her financial independence teaching English as a foreign language to Italian students in a small, private, Catholic high school for almost two years. After that, she worked as Command Translator for the U.S. Naval Hospital in Sigonella, Sicily.

In 1998 Antonella moved to North Texas to join her newlywed husband, then stationed at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth. She received her Master of Library Science from Texas Woman's University in 2001. While in Fort Worth, she worked in the Dental Hygiene Department at Tarrant County College, and in the medical library at Harris Methodist Fort Worth.

Within the field of librarianship, Antonella is particularly interested in the issues concerning preservation of information in all its formats. Outside

of librarianship, her world revolves around her two-year-old son, her husband, and her ½ tabby-½ calico cat.

... Another Librarian Bids Us Adieu

Wanda Green, Reference/Document Delivery Librarian, has announced her resignation, effective February 15, 2002. Wanda, who came to Angelo State from the Tom Green County Public Library, is returning to TGCPL as the new Adult Services Coordinator.

Mark Allan, Head of Reference, temporarily will be handling document delivery/interlibrary loan duties. Mark states that he hopes another individual can be hired to assume these essential services as soon as possible. In the meantime, he respectfully requests your patience and understanding if these services are a bit slower and less efficient than when under Wanda's jurisdiction, as he *already* has a full-time job!!

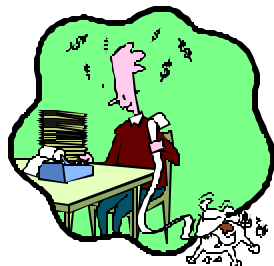
While we will miss Wanda we all wish her the best in her new endeavors.

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Tax Information in the Library

Since this is the February newsletter – and April 15 approaches rapidly – there must be a story on tax information available in (or accessible through) the Porter Henderson Library.



Individual IRS tax forms, schedules, and instructions can be found on a cart near the entrance to the Juvenile Collection. Also at the Circulation Desk you can find volume 1 of the *Reproducible federal tax*

forms for 2001. As of this writing, volume 2 of the reproducible forms and the cumulative editions of *Taxpayer information publications* and *Business taxpayer information publications* have not been received, but will be available from the Circulation Desk as soon as they are.

The Internal Revenue Service recommends that people use the IRS tax information web site whenever they can. Forms can be downloaded or printed from this site. The direct URL to “The Digital Daily,” redesigned over the past year, is : <http://www.irs.gov/>. You may use the “Forms and Publications Finder” on the left side of the screen to find the form or publication you require, or use other links on the page to search various lists. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer to view these items.

We have left the “bookmarks” to the IRS web site and publications on the documents computers in the Reference/Index area nearest the Reference Desk. When you click on the “United States Government Documents on the Internet” icon Internet Explorer opens; click on the Favorites button on the menu bar. “Forms and Publications - IRS” is the third line from the bottom in the drop-down menu. A link has even been provided on the Texas documents browser. If you click on the “Texas Government Documents on the Internet” icon, Netscape opens. Click on the Bookmarks button in this browser; “Forms and Publications - IRS” is the last line in the drop-down menu. As Tax Day looms nearer a link to the tax forms and publications page will be added to the Library’s home, probably sometime in March.

Another electronic access point for tax forms

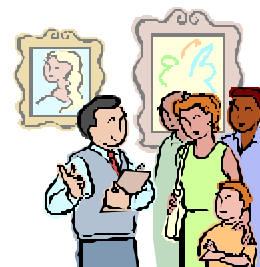
and publications is via CD-ROM. The *2001 CD-ROM tax products* disc is installed on the government documents computer closest to the Reference Room door, in Cartridge #1. (You have to have this cartridge installed in the external CD drive to use the disc.) Clicking on the “Federal Tax Products” icon retrieves a document with links to sections within the disc: current tax products, prior years tax products, related tax products, World Wide Web links, EITC information, and IRS e-file information. The World Wide Web links page includes one to the IRS’s “The Digital Daily” site mentioned above.

If you want to “read more about it,” tax information publications are also available in the U.S. Documents Collection under call number T 22.44/2. These have been cataloged and appear in RamCat. Other tax materials are located in the KF6371 through KF6571 area of the Reference Room.

Black History Month Display and Reception

This year for Black History Month, the West Texas Collection at Angelo State University is working with the Northside Boys and Girls Club to recognize art work and essays written by the students. On Saturday, February 9, the West Texas Collection hosted a display and reception in honor of Black History Month. The event was held from 1:30-5:00 p.m. upstairs in the Houston Harte University Center. The display is open to the public.

Other items of interest on the program included music, dance, art, and a look at the past, present and future of the Black community in San Angelo. Certificates were presented to each participant, and awards given to the winners. Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and West Texas Collection, the Standard Times, and the students of the Black Organization Striving for Success (B.O.S.S.) on campus assisted in the awards ceremony. Donna Dill coordinated much of the work. For more information contact the WTC at 942-2164.



Canned and Improved!: Changes in RamCOPS and "Selected New Government Documents"

No, "Canned" in the headline does not mean that these pages have been deleted. "Canned" means that some pages now include "canned searches," which search RamCat with one click of the mouse.

RamCOPS has been improved in several ways since last fall, including adding canned searches. The Library subscribed to Serials Solutions, a third-party service which compiles full text journal information available from various database vendors. The customized information includes not only the database where a particular journal may be found in full text, with a link to the database, but the dates of availability, as well. Also, if the Library subscribes to the journal in print, the information includes the beginning date of the Library's holdings and the notation "Angelo State Print Titles." Clicking on this hyperlinked notation performs a canned search in RamCat for the title, enabling the user to see if the subscription is current and, if so, which issues have been received.

The "Selected New Government Documents" lists have included canned searches since the November, 2001, compilation. These lists have always been organized by subject, but now users can see what other items the Library has cataloged in those subjects by clicking on the hyperlinked subject headings in the main body of the list. The link opens a new window, performs a subject search in RamCat, and displays the results. The results include holdings information for the entire Library; they are not restricted to the Government Documents locations only.

When performing a canned search from any of these pages it is important to remember to exit RamCat when you finish.

Census Workshop to be Held March 19



Do you use Census information in your research? Do you require your students to use Census data? Would you like to learn more about finding current Census data on the Web?

The Concho Valley Council of Governments, Angelo State University Porter Henderson Library, and the U.S. Bureau of the Census are sponsoring two Census workshops on campus on Tuesday, March 19. John Ortiz, of the Census Bureau's Dallas office, will instruct attendees on how to use the Bureau's "Gateway to Census 2000" web site, including *American FactFinder*, more effectively. While only Council members will attend a morning workshop, an afternoon session (1:30-4:30) is scheduled for librarians and interested faculty members. The workshop will be held in MCS 105.

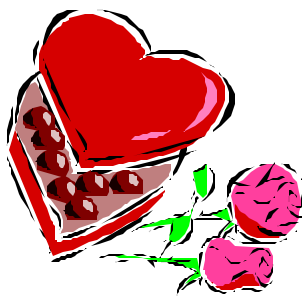
Check the March newsletter for more information, or you may contact Janetta Paschal, Government Documents/Reference Librarian, via telephone at 942-2300 or e-mail at Janetta.Paschal@angelo.edu.



For Fun: Valentine's Day "Facts" and "Figures"

Every February, across the country, people exchange gifts, cards, candy, and flowers with their loved ones. If you are interested in the history and background of this holiday there are various books in the Library's Reference Collection that will provide this information.¹ You could even go online to the History Channel web site's Valentine's Day pages: <http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/valentine/>. However, if you are interested in the *statistics* surrounding those February mainstays (flowers and candies) look no further than the federal government.

Yes, the U.S. government provides data "pertinent" to this holiday as well. The following facts come from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service; County Business Patterns; Annual Survey of Manufactures; U.S. import and export trade reports; Current Industrial Reports; Census 2000; the National Center for Health Statistics; and the Current Population Survey.² [The data are subject to sampling variability and other sources of error.]



Flowers

What was the wholesale value of domestically produced cut flowers in 2000? **\$427 million**. Among states, California was the leading producer, alone accounting for two-thirds of this amount (\$286 million).

Meanwhile, the wholesale value of domestically produced roses in 2000 was **\$69 million**, generating the highest receipts of any type of cut flower category. Lilies followed with \$59 million.

You should have no trouble finding a place to purchase these flowers. In 1999, **24,798** florists operated nationwide, employing 121,783 people.

Chocolate and Candy

And what would Valentine's Day be without chocolate and other candies! Although the government does not gather statistics on gift preferences, some may prefer these gifts to any other kind.

In 1999, **1,027** locations produced chocolate and cocoa products, shipping \$11.4 billion worth of bonbons and other sweets and employing 42,697 people.

Also in 1999, Pennsylvania had **112** establishments churning out chocolate and cocoa products. The Keystone State led the nation in chocolate-making. (Remember "Hershey, Pennsylvania.") California leads the United States in the number of locations that produce nonchocolate confectionary products, with 80.

"Candy stores" are among the best retail sources of sweets around Valentine's Day. In 1999 the United States had **3,885** such confectionary and nut stores.

"Experts" believe a large portion of candy is consumed around Valentine's Day, to the tune of **25 pounds** per capita consumption by Americans in 2000.

Romantic-Sounding Places

Want to treat your special valentine to a get-away at an appropriately-named place? Welcome to Valentine (Pop. 2,820)! There are actually **two** places in the United States named Valentine. Census 2000 shows that Valentine, Neb., was the more populous of the two, with 2,820 residents; Valentine, Texas, had just 187.

¹Examples of such reference books include: *Holiday symbols, 1998* (GT3930 .T48 1998); *The folklore of American holidays, 2nd ed.* (GT4803 .F65 1991); and *The folklore of world holidays* (GT 3930 .F65 1992).

²For the full report from the Census Bureau from which these few facts were drawn see *Facts for Features – Valentine's Day: February 14* at <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2002/cb02ff02.html>